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SUBJ: SOVIET-VENEZUELAN RELATIONS

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1. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MARACAIBO DAILY PAPER PANORAMA ON AUG 4, SOVIET AMBASSADOR VLADIMIR KAZIMIROV STATED THAT FINANCE MINISTER HECTOR HURTADO AND MINISTER FOR COORDINATION AND PLANNING GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ WOULD SOON VISIT THE USSR. KAZIMIROV SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY'S 50 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING WAS AT VENEZUELA'S DISPOSAL AT THIS "TRANSCENDENTAL MOMENT WHEN VENEZUELA WAS NATIONALIZING ITS OIL INDUSTRY.

2. KAZIMIROV NOTED THAT THE USSR HAD TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH MEXICO, COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA, BRAZIL, ECUADOR, PERU AND ARGENTINA AND THAT THE GROWING SOVIET TRADE WITH THOSE COUNTRIES LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO 420 MILLION RUBLES. HE MENTIONED THAT IN LATIN AMERICA THE USSR WAS MARKETING PRINCIPALLY HYDROELECTRIC EQUIPMENT, INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND AUTMOBILES AND WAS IMPORTING FROM LATIN AMERICA COFFEE AND MANUFACTURED GOODS SUCH AS SHOES AND CLOTHING.

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3. COMMENT: ONE OF THE NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S MAJOR AIMS IN

VENEZUELA IS TO EXPAND TRADE WITH PROSPERING VENEZUELA. PRESENT
TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS MINISCULE (SEE EMBASSY
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